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REMARKS

After amendment, there are Claims 1, 26-⁴¹~~40~~. Claims 1, 26, and 36 are independent claims. Claims 27-36 are dependent on Claim 26, and Claims 37-40 depend from Claim 36.

Support for the amendment to Claim 1 are in the specification at page 20, first and second paragraphs. Support for Claim 27 is in the specification at page 20, first two paragraphs.

The claims have been amended and rewritten. The remaining Claim 1 has been amended to moot the Section 112 rejection.

Reconsideration of the phrase "and/or" ^{as}~~as~~ used in the new claims ^{is}~~as~~ respectfully solicited. This term should be acceptable in modern claim drafting practice. However, if there is an objection to it, applicants' attorney will rewrite the claims to avoid this.

The claims previously on file stood rejected under Section 102 in view of Raven Ref. G, and Section 103 on Raven in view of well-known technology.

Raven does not teach or describe electronic security transfer data. All of Raven's security is of the physical type; i.e., a box for keeping out intruders, and the

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cabling or wiring from the gambling machine to a processor within the confines of a casino where the proprietor has physical control over persons tampering with the wiring or cabling. There is no teaching of electronic protection of the data being transmitted. An advantage of electronic protection is that the gambling machines may be at several remote locations not under the control of the gambling operator; e.g., in bars, or in hotels or private homes remotely located. Raven does not foresee the issue of electronic security nor the solution.

Further, Raven does not have the gaming data kept in parallel; i.e., in the chip card and at the same time in the central processor. In one embodiment ^{in applicants' invention data is} ~~he does not have~~ ^{in parallel} ~~it as~~ the game progresses. ^{In Raven is} ~~Data is transferred, in~~ ^{for each} contrast, only at the beginning or end of ^{a session} ~~the play.~~ ^{play as.}

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Raven does not provide security through parallel data collection at the CPU-database that is remote from the gambling machines. Most of the verification in Raven is done within the gambling machines. Thus, the overall structure of applicants' system and Raven's system is quite different.

In summary, applicants' structure and method are different than Raven. Applicants' various embodiments has

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features not shown in Raven. For example, there is no electronically secured communication between the gaming machine and the central data processor; there is not a parallel entry of data into the card and main computer; and the features in the dependent claims of where the security, encryption, and certification are located and performed at the various structural points is also not in Raven.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that in the absence of more pertinent art, a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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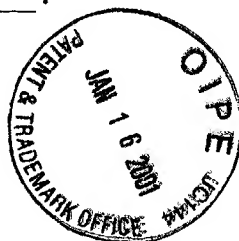
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